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SUBJECT: VISIT TO EGYPT OF SAUDI KING KHALID

SUMMARY: VISIT OF SAUDI ARABIAN KING KHALID TO EGYPT SPLASHED BY LOCAL PRESS. PRES SADAT HIMSELF RECEIVED KHALID AT CAIRO AIRPORT, ACCOMPANIED SAUDI MONARCH TO ALEXANDRIA BY TRAIN FOLLOWING DAY. JULY 19 SADAT AND KHALID VISITED SUEZ AND SADAT SAW SAUDI MONARCH OFF AT CAIRO AIRPORT MORNING JULY 20. JOINT EGYPTIAN-SAUDI COMMUNIQUE WHICH APPEARED AFTER DEPARTURE OF KHALID ANNOUNCED \$600 MILLION SAUDI LOAN FOR EGYPT IN ADDITION TO 100 MILLION SAUDI RIYALS FOR HELWAN HOUSING PROJECT. REPORTEDLY \$600 MILLION LOAN GRANTED BY SAUDIS WITHOUT INTEREST AND PR-BLY FOR PERIOD OF 20-25 YEARS. END SUMMARY.

1. JULY 16-20 VISIT TO EGYPT BY SAUDI KING KHALID RECEIVED PROMINENT AND LENGTHY FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE BY LOCAL PRESS, ALTHOUGH FEW DETAILS PUBLISHED CONCERNING SUBSTANCE OF PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI OFFICIALS. ALL PAPERS NOTED PRESENCE OF PRES SADAT AT AIRPORT TO RECEIVE ROYAL GUEST, WHOSE ENTOURAGE INCLUDED UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFMIN PRINCE SULTAN, MINSTATE SAUD BIN FAYSAL, ROAYL ADVISOR

RASHAD FAR'UN, CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL PLANNING AUTHORITY HISHAM NAZIR, MINSTATE FOR FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY MUHAMMAD ABA AL-KHALY, ROYAL COUNSELOR IN DIWAN KAMAL ADHAM, CHIEF OF KING'S PRIVATE OFFICE MUHAMMAD NUWAYSIR, CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL AHMAD ABD AL-WAHHAB, COMMANDER OF ROYAL GUARD LT. GEN. ABDALLAH AL-BUSAYLI, AND SAUDI AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO FUAD AL-NAZIR.

2. JULY 17 TRAIN JOURNEY BY SADAT AND KHALID FROM CAIRO TO ALEXANDRIA REPORTED WITH FRONT-PAGE PICTURES OF POPULAR RECEPTION ALONG WAY. JULY 18 OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS, REPORTEDLY PRECEDED BY CLOSED MEETING BETWEEN SADAT AND KHALID, INVOLVED VP MUBARAK, PRIMIN SALIM, DEP PRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY, DEP PRIMIN/WARMIN GAMASY, MINISTER OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN AHAMD OSMAN, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT IBRAHIM HILMY ABD AL-RAHMAN, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA UTHMAN NURY, AND SADAT'S SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN CONTACTS ASHRAF MARWAN ON EGYPTIAN SIDE. AHRAM REPORTED THAT TALKS INVOLVED CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN ARAB WORLD, STAND OF USG IN REGARD TO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, STAND OF SOVIET UNION IN REGARD TO ARAB WORLD, ISRAELI TACTICS WITH REGARD TO NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT IN SINAI, AND FUTURE COORDINATION BETWEEN ARAB CAPITALS CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. AKHBAR AL-YAWM STATED THAT MESSAGE TO FAHMY FROM EGYPTIAN UN PERMREP ABD AL-MAGUID CONCERNING UNSC DELIBERATIONS ON UNEF MANDATE ALSO DISCUSSED.

3. FOLLOWING TALKS, PARTY PROCEEDED TO ALEXANDRIA NAVAL HQS, WHERE LIVE-AMMUNITION NAVAL EXERCISE STAGED FOR VISITORS. AHRAM COMMENTED THAT THIS FIRST OCCASION THAT MIRAGE AIRCRAFT APPEARED IN PUBLIC IN EGYPTAN AF. IN EVENING, KHALID RECEIVED SAUDI STUDENTS STUDYING IN EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES. NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED JULY 18 DEPARTURES OF SAUDI MINSTATE SAUD BIN FAYSAL FOR JIDDA AND COMMENTED THAT PRICE SEEN OFF BY KAMAL ADHAM AND MARWAN.

4. JULY 19, SADAT AND KHALID FLEW BY HELICOPTER FROM ALEXANDRIA TO SUEZ, WHERE BAR-LEV LINE INSPECTED FROM AIR AND NEW KING FAYSAL CITY INAUGURATED. SADAT ACCOMPANIED KHALID TO CAIRO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE MORNING JULY 20.

5. JOINT EGYPTIAN-SAUDI COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER DEPARTURE OF KHALID CONTAINED, AFTER DECLARATION OF SAUDI SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN POSITION ON ISSUE OF UNEF MANDATE, AMMOUNCEMENT OF \$600 MILLION

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SAUDI LOAN TO EGYPT AND SEPARATE SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR WORKERS IN HELWAN. COMMUNIQUE ALSO CALLED FOR ARAB PREPAREDNESS IN FACE OF ANY POTENTIAL ISRAELI AGGRESSION, LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, AND RETURN OF NATIONAL RIGHTS TO PALESTINIANS. COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMED THAT PLO SOLE LEGITIMATE VOICE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND UNDERLINED NEED OF ARAB NATION TO PRESERVE ITS INITIATIVE IN MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND TO UNMASK ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS TO OTHER PEOPLES O

WORLD. COMMUNIQUE ENDED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SADAT ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT TIME.

6. USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SAUDI FIRST SECRETARY IN CAIRO, MUHAMMAD FAKI, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT \$600 MILLION LOAN CARRIES NO INTEREST AND THAT AGREEMENT ON LOAN QTE REACHED IN PRINCIPLE UNQTE ALTHOUGH MINOR TECHNICALITIES REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. NO RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON USE OF FUNDSAND EGYPTIANS REPORTEDLY CAN OBTAIN FIRST INSTALLMENT OF LOAN WHENEVER THEY WISH. TECHNICAL DETAILS STILL UNRESOLVED INCLUDE DURATION OF LOAN, BUT FAKI STATED THAT PERIOD CERTAIN TO BE IN 20-25 YEAR AREA. SAUDIS WILL REPORTEDLY ALSO MAKE 100 MILLION SAUDI RIYALS AVAILABLE FOR HELWAN HOUSING PROJECT.

7. FAKI STATED THAT EGYPTIAN FINMIN ABU ISMAIL DUE IN JIDDA JULY 25 FOR ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK CONFERENCE AND FINAL DETAILS PROBABLY TO BE WORKED OUT AT THIS TIME.
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